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I have been a computer professional for over 20 years. I have had the opportunity to watch trends (and companies) come and go. I have worked in technical areas of many computers from IBM mainframes to Palm handhelds. It would be impossible to be involved in the industry as I have been and not have an opinion on Microsoft.

I used to be a strong proponent of Microsoft and encouraged the use of their products. That loyalty disappeared as Microsoft moved from an innovative company as they were in the 1980s and started to use their acquired industry power and substantial financial power to bully and destroy competitors - not through better products, but through illegal monopolistic control over a vital part of the computer industry. My remaining positive feelings for Microsoft were eliminated when, during lunch with Microsoft VP Brad Silverberg, he unleashed a grand lie that caused me to provide bad advice to the company for which I worked at the time. I came to realize that Microsoft is an unethical company who has abused the free economy of the U.S. and has abused the judicial system.

Those beliefs were validated by the evidence presented at the Microsoft vs DOJ trial.

The remedy proposed by the Bush administration to not come close to an acceptable solution to this problem. The judgement against Microsoft are so light that it will serve to embolden a company already overflowing with arrogance. It is my expressed wish that a more serious and appropriate remedy be taken against Microsoft.